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Celebrate the Benefits of a Community-Owned Electric Utility During Public Power Week Oct. 3-9



Marietta Power invites you to join communities across America in celebrating National Public Power Week Oct. 3-9, 2004.

Together, Marietta Power and more than 2,000 other community-owned electric utilities currently serve more than 43 million U.S. consumers. That total represents approximately 14 percent of the country's electricity buyers.

Customers of a community-owned electrical utility benefit from local decision making, which gives them a voice in developing policies that affect service and rates. Other hometown advantages of public power include lower rates, a stronger commitment to the community, public accountability, and full attention to customer service.

In addition, community-owned electrical utilities serve a strong competitive force against which consumers and regulators can

measure the rates and performance of private power companies. This ongoing competition ultimately benefits all electric consumers, not just those served by public power.

For these and other reasons, the American Public Power Association calls community-owned electrical utilities "an American tradition that works."

To learn more about the advantages you enjoy as a customer of a community-owned electrical utility, please call Marietta Power at (770) 794-5150. ⚡



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Did you know that the average Georgian uses 168 gallons of water each day?

The state of Georgia averages 10 percent higher per person per day than the rest of the country. So, why is that a problem you may ask? The problem comes in where our supply cannot meet our demand. Let's take a look.

The first issue is population growth. Did you know that the population of Georgia has doubled in the last forty years? The reality is there are still the same water sources with the same amount of water, but twice as many people to provide it to as forty years ago. The Atlanta area continues to see population growth.

The next issue is supply. All of the water we have now is all there will ever be. The water on earth travels through the water cycle in which precipitation, runoff, evaporation, and condensation recycles the water supply.

Nature, however, is not the only limit to our supply. There have been on going negotiations between Georgia, Alabama and Florida to limit the amount of water the state of Georgia withdraws from various water basins. Alabama and Florida claim that Georgia is already withdrawing too much water from shared river basins. This, therefore, limits the water supply that they can provide to their communities.

Here's the part where you come in. Each person plays a role in water source protection. One method of water protection is water conservation. Conservation is a concept that can be implemented into functions of everyday life. It will take everyone working together to ensure we have a safe and adequate water supply.

Marietta Water will be celebrating Clean

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TAKE ADVANTAGE OF GREAT BARGAINS AND SUPPORT LOCAL NON PROFIT GROUPS DURING THE THIRD ANNUAL "TREASURES FROM THE ATTIC" BENEFIT BAZAAR

You will never find a better reason to go bargain hunting than you will from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 23 – when non-profit organizations from all over Cobb County will participate in the third annual Marietta Benefit Bazaar, "Treasures From the Attic."

Thirty-seven non-profit organizations have already expressed interest in participating in the event, which will take place at a variety of locations around Marietta. The city will make "treasure maps" of all participating group locations available to bargain hunters on the day of the event.

"We are advertising in publications throughout Georgia and the southeast and expect this year's bazaar to be the biggest ever," said Marietta

Mayor Bill Dunaway. "We have moved to a fall date from summer to allow more school groups to participate."

All proceeds from the event go to the individual groups that participate. The local non-profit organizations event made more than \$30,000 during last year's event.

"I am very pleased with the feedback from charities that benefited and also from the downtown businesses who saw increased patronage on those days," Dunaway said.

Any non-profit can reserve a site simply by calling the Marietta Parks and Recreation Department at (770) 794-5601. The only cost to participate is the \$15 for a listing on the map. The deadline for applying is Oct. 15. ⚡



Water Conservation Becomes a Necessity continued

Water Week October 3rd through 9th! Look for more information on conservation and water source protection at the Board of Lights and Water Customer Service Center during Clean Water Week. Conservation Tips:

- Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth — Save five gallons of water!
- Take a shower instead of a bath — Save 20 gallons of water!
- Fix leaking toilet — Save 90 gallons of water per day!
- Use a hose nozzle when washing your car — Save 150 gallons of water! ⚡

Calendar of Events

October 2 and 3

Harvest Square Arts & Crafts Festival
Marietta Square
Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Free
Call (770) 794-5601
for information

October 9 and 10

*The Georgia Ballet's "Paquita" And
"Carnival Of The Animals"*
Cobb Civic Center
Marietta
\$16-\$26
Call (770) 425-0258
for information

October 16

*Cobb Symphony Orchestra
54th Season
Master Works Concert —
Grand Opening*
Jennie T. Anderson Theatre
8 p.m.
Call (770) 426-1509
for information

October 23

Halloween Happenings
Glover Park
Marietta
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Free
Call (770) 794-5601
for information

October 30 and 31

Cobb County Library Book Sale
Jim R. Miller Park
Marietta
Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.,
Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Call (770) 528-2342
for information

October 31

Fall Festival Of Fun
Jim R. Miller Park
Marietta
3p.m. to 6 p.m.
Call (770) 528-8875
for information